(SHRI JAYANTILAL VIRCHANDBHAI SHAH): (a) Botanically speaking, coconut is considered as an oilseed but because of utilisation of its fibre in the coir industry it is required to be treated as a special category. However, in view of important contribution of coconut oil—it needs to form an integral part of edible oil strategy and, as such, it has been decided to treat copra/coconut as an oil seed.

(b) The Coconut Development Board is implementing various schemes with a financial outlay of Rs 225 lakhs for the year 1990-91. The major projects being implemented by the Board during 1990-91 are:—

(i) Production and distribution of TXD hybrid coconut seedlings;

(ii) Expansion of area under coconut granting planting subsidy;

(iii) Integrated farming in coconut small holdings in Kerala;

(iv) Providing assistance for irrigation facilities to coconut growers;

(v) Integrated control of major pests and diseases, etc.

(c) No new subsidies have been announced consequent to the declaration of coconut as an oilseed of tree origin However, under the following two schemes (continuing) subsidy is given·—

(i) Area Expansion Scheme;

(ii) Financial Assistance for irrigation facilities

(d) No new subsidy has been announced in view of the position narrated in the answer to part (c)

EEC Aid to NDDB

*127 SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that NDDB has recently got Rs 90 crores as an economic aid from EEC; and

(b) if so, to what extent this aid has been utilised by the NDDB?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JAYANTILAL VIRCHANDBHAI SHAH) (a) and (b) During the year 1990, NDDB has not received any commodity/cash assistance from EEC.

Slum dwellers in the Metropolitan Cities

*128 SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:
SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of slum dwellers in the metropolitan cities of the country, Statewise;

(b) what percentage of them have basic amenities like potable water, drainage, Primary schools, first-aid posts, street light, general sanitation etc.; and

(c) whether there is any scheme to provide these amenities to all the slum dwellers if so, the details thereof and by when?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DAULAT RAM SARAN): (a) to c) Under the scheme of Environmental Improvement of Urban Slums implemented by the State Governments a package of basic services like potable water, drainage, street lighting, community latrines, path ways etc. are provided. The estimated slum population of 12 cities with more than 10 lakh population, which are usually regarded as metropolitan, the estimated slum population in the respective States and the expenditure during the 6th and the 7th Plans under EIUS are indicated in the attached Statement Separate figures of coverage of slum population within metropolitan cities are not available However, percentage of total slum population covered under the Scheme in the respective States is indicated.